### RECEPTOR-SELECTIVE NSAID MEDICATIONS OR NSAID COMBINATIONS CRITERIA

# **Pharmacology:**

Two COX isoenzymes have been identified: COX-1 and COX-2. COX-2's main function is induced during pain and inflammatory stimuli. The mechanism of action of celecoxib and meloxicam is primarily selective inhibition of COX-2 in the treatment of pain and inflammation.

### **Medications:**

Brand Names	Generic Names	Dosage Strengths
Celebrex <sup>®</sup>	celecoxib	100mg, 200mg, 400mg
Mobic <sup>®</sup>	meloxicam	7.5mg, 15mg
Vimovo®	EC naproxen/ IR esomeprazole 375mg/20mg, 500mg/20mg tablets	
Vivlodex™	meloxicam	5mg, 10mg

# **Criteria for Approval:**

- A. Patient is of FDA approved age for medication requested, OR
- B. Patient has failed or is intolerant to 2 or more non-selective NSAIDS, one of which must be etodolac, disulfiram, diclofenac, or piroxicam, **AND**
- C. Non-Preferred drugs on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) require failure on Preferred drugs first

### **Criteria for Denial:**

- A. Prior approval will be denied if the approval criteria are not met.
- B. Contraindication to Celebrex<sup>®</sup>: Sulfonamide allergy.
- C. Perioperative period for coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery.
- D. Concomitant use of warfarin or another NSAID.

**Length of Approval**: 1 year

### **References**:

Available upon request.

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